

Remarks

The specification has been amended only to direct entry of the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith. The Sequence Listing has been amended to conform the numbering convention of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 to the numbering convention used in the specification. Specifically, the signal peptide sequence is referred to in the specification as "amino acids -51 to -1," with the first amino acid of the mature polypeptide referred to as "amino acid 1." The Substitute Sequence Listing utilizes the same numbering convention. In addition, our attorney docket number and the application serial number have been added on the first page of the sequence listing. No new matter has been added by way of the Substitute Sequence Listing.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b), the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 78 to 285 are pending in the application, with claims 78, 92, 106, 120, 134, 146, 158, 170, 182, 196, 210, 224, 238, 250, 262, and 274 being the independent claims. Claims 1 to 77 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 78 to 285 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Support for the newly added claims may be found throughout the specification.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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